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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

Title 31, Section 638a of the U.S. Code states that government automobiles may only be used for "official purposes" and that "official purposes" does NOT include being driven to and from home. In addition, cars may not be assigned for the exclusive use of officials. There are some exceptions to the law, namely the President, THE Secretary of a Department (not under secretaries, heads of agencies, boards, etc.), doctors on out-patient duty, individuals on field service great distances from their offices, etc.

I would therefore like to make the following inquiries about the use of cars under your jurisdiction.

- 1) What officials by title, if any, are driven to and from home?
- 2) To what officials is a car assigned for his or her exclusive use?
- 3) If an official is driven to and from home, in view of Title 31, Section 638a, what is the specific legal justification for the practice? Please cite the precise language of the law.
- 4) If any official not exempted by Title 31, Section 638a is driven to and from home, how is the practice justified in view of the energy shortage and the fact that such a practice means four trips a day instead of two trips a day?
- 5) What is the annual cost of the chauffeurs or drivers of such vehicles, including their overtime pay?

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6) What is the annual cost of the vehicle in terms of depreciation, maintenance, gas, oil, etc?

I would appreciate an early and prompt reply. It is my intention to make the replies a part of the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill Proxmire".

William Proxmire
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Priorities and Economy in
Government, Joint Economic Committee

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Remarks:

To 6: Please provide draft response to LegCounsel by 6 November.

Executive Secretary
30 October 1978

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